



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Pondosa FFS Fuels Treatment Projects		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	29599 Highway 89 McCloud, CA 96057 Legal Description: T. 38N R. 3E S. 5 SW ¼, MDBM Approximately 1 mile S of Pondosa, CA	<b>COUNTY</b>	Siskiyou
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Siskiyou Unit (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project area is 8 acres of uneven-aged mixed conifer species including Ponderosa pine, white fir and incense-cedar. The understory is composed of moderate occurrences of shrubs and some grasses as well as pine duff surface fuels. Elevation is approximately 4160 feet and the topography is flat. The property is owned by the State of California and is operated as a seasonal, 24/7 CAL FIRE station.

The project is designed to reduce fuels and treat vegetation to lower the risk and severity of wildfire. This will involve treatment of surface and ladder fuels, and broadcast burning on an annual basis. Broadcast burning of surface fuels throughout the project area will be conducted during safe climatic conditions. Live trees 8" DBH or less will be thinned, leave trees will be pruned to a height of 6 to 8 feet above the ground, and ground fuels between 2 and 5 inches in diameter will be treated. Flammable, organic material generated by treatment activities will be placed into manageable piles no larger than 6 feet in height and 8 feet in diameter and burned during safe climatic conditions. Burning will be conducted on permissive burn days as determined by the local Air District. Burn piles will be placed as far as possible from remaining trees. Hand crews will be utilized conduct all treatment activities. No mature, scenic, and healthy trees will be removed during treatment activities.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: **Class 4** Pursuant to §15304, Minor Alterations to Land.
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the above-listed Categorical Exemption listed in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit Headquarters office at 1809 Fairlane Rd., Yreka, CA 96097.

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